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Brigade to begin major operation

By **Jamie Bender**
1st BCT PAO

CAMP JUNCTION CITY, Ar Ramadi, Iraq-Operation Devil Thrust is the first major operation of the 1st Brigade Combat Team's year-long campaign in Iraq. The operation consists of three phases. The first phase is surveillance and reconnaissance. "Units in the brigade are conducting random but daily area and route reconnaissance," said Maj. Marty Leners, 1st Brigade operations officer. "They are out interacting with the Iraqi people on a daily basis in the cities, the suburban areas and on the stretches of the open road. We are gaining information on how the Iraqis are living and starting to build a relationship with the pro-coalition Iraqi forces."

The surveillance part of the operation will also allow coalition forces to identify former regime loyalists and hostile forces, said Capt. Nick Ayers, a brigade planner. The second phase is combat operations. "Based on the reconnaissance and surveillance, we plan combat operations that will allow us to accomplish our mission to provide a secure environment for the Iraqi people and ensure the safety of coalition forces," explained Leners. The last phase of Operation Devil Thrust is stabilization. "We want to have our Soldiers gain a better understanding of the areas of operation that we are asking them to operate in," said Leners. "As they gain that understanding, we want them to be able to find out what is just not right in

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Farm community finally receives water

By **John S. Wollaston**
3rd Brigade PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Lots of things can happen in 33 years - ordinary things like people being born, people dying, people getting married. It is also how long the farmers of Shamlyt, a small community three miles northwest of Baghdad, have waited for drinking water in their homes. Now, thanks to the efforts of the 3rd Brigade's 70th Engineer Battalion, the wait is finally over. "We first asked the Iraqi government to provide us with drinking water in 1970," said one of the

residents of the village. "And, we waited and we waited. Four years ago they told us they were going to build the pipeline then two years ago they told us that another district in Baghdad was going to get the pipeline and we would have to wait yet again. Now thanks to (the U.S. Army) we are finally going to get our water." During the years that the residents of Shamlyt waited for drinkable water flowing from their tap, they were forced to drive daily into Baghdad to obtain potable water to do even the most mun-

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Col. Buck Conner, commander, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, teaches an Iraqi boy how to high five.

Troops help Iraqi children in need

By **Jamie Bender**
Staff writer

CAMP JUNCTION CITY, Ar Ramadi, Iraq-Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery and 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion met with 10 Iraqi primary and secondary school managers this week to discuss the rebuilding of their schools. The funding for the project may come from several sources, said Sgt. 1st Class John Craemer, noncommissioned officer in charge for Civil Affairs. "I will work with (1st Bn., 5th

FA) to rebuild the schools by whatever means necessary," he said. "Whether it's donations from back home, money from non-government organizations or international organizations." Rebuilding the schools involves renovating buildings and distributing supplies and equipment. "We are going to help as many schools as possible," said Craemer. "As far as the supplies and equipment, we are going to try to help all the schools eventually. As we are able, we will renovate as many buildings as possible."

The project involves the cooperation of the school managers. During the meeting, the managers were asked to compile a list of what they needed for their schools. This includes any repairs to the buildings and any equipment, such as desks, chairs, phones or computers. It also covers any supplies the children need, such as paper, pens, crayons or books. Along with the list of needed items, they must also provide a list of contractors and vendors, as well as an estimate on the cost.

"(The Iraqis) need to be a part of it," said Craemer. "If they need to have their school renovated, they need to run down contractors for me who can get the job done." "Nothing we do should be a handout, because then it's just the same kind of state that was here before. It fosters dependence, he said." The Army acts as facilitators and coordinators, not doers, said Craemer. "We are here to empower the Iraqis to help themselves out," he said.

Soldier remembered at Fort Riley, in Iraq

By **Steven Cooke**
19th PAD

Members of the Fort Riley community gathered Oct. 9 at Morris Hill Chapel to celebrate the life of a young soldier who died Oct. 1 while serving in Iraq. Spc. Simeon Hunte, Company A, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, was on patrol in Al Khadra, Iraq when an Iraqi civilian approached and shot him. "We gather today to pay tribute to a young man, soldier, son, husband and father who died in service to his country," said Lt. Col. George Gecey, battalion commander, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry. "He has shown we are not afraid of this evil that wants to put an end to our way of life. He stood face to face with our enemy, and he did not flinch. He did not run. Gecey's remarks of Hunte's bravery and sacrifice were just a few of Hunte's attributes to be celebrated. "Spc. Hunte will always be remembered for his infectious humor, leadership and military professionalism," said Capt. Aaron Cichocki, rear detachment provisional commander, 1st Bn., 13th Armor. "His actions constantly displayed genuine concern for his fellow soldiers. Spc. Hunte made a positive and long-lasting impression on all of those he came in contact with." Hunte's friends and fellow soldiers agreed, the two things they remember about Hunte are his positive attitude and sense of humor. "If you were ever feeling bad or down, he was the person to go talk to," said Deonta Ponds, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 13th Armor.

"He was a very spiritual person. He could uplift anybody. No matter what the problem was, he could fix it." "He was just funny - certain things he would say or faces he would make, playing with his kids," said Spc. Marcus Clark, Co. C, 1st Bn., 13th Armor. "You could be having the worst day of your life - if you came around him, no matter how much you didn't want to laugh, you were going to crack. He was just that guy." At a memorial service in Iraq, Hunte's leadership and comrades

echoed these thoughts. "He always made me laugh. If you were sad or down, he'd always try to cheer you up. And he would always look out for his friends," said Spc. Tony Bond, 1st Bn., 13th Armor. "He was an awesome person, and very giving. He loved his wife and kids, and was a very good friend. We were like brothers. We even had a saying for us, 'Brother from another Mother.'" "No matter how bad things were, he was smiling. Hunte would bring up the mood in a room simply by walking in," said

William Walski, 1st Bn., 13th Armor. "He was a professional and always took time for his family, no matter how late it was or how much it cut into his sleep time, and was very proud of his children. When you look at pictures of him, you always see his smile - and that's Hunte." After Hunte graduated from Basic Training at Ft. Knox, Ky., in November 2001, he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 13th Armor as

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Staff Sgt. Michael Mutter stands watch over a memorial display for Spc. Simeon Hunte, Company A, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, in Iraq.

As tax season approaches, some may already be behind

By **Sam Robinson**
Staff Writer

Now is the time to start planning for the upcoming tax season, but many soldiers returning from deployment may still need to file their 2002 taxes. According to Capt. Alison Tulud, 2003 installation tax attorney, all soldiers who did not file their 2002 taxes before they deployed, should file a federal and state income tax return when they return home. "Soldiers that have been out of the U.S. for the entire tax season will be granted a 180-day automatic extension to file a federal income tax return," said Tulud. Additional time may be given for various, case specific reasons. Soldiers returning during a tax season have the remaining portion of the season plus 180 days to file a return. The traditional tax season runs Jan. 1 - April 15 for the prior year. For example Jan. 1 - April 15, 2004 will be the tax season for tax year 2003. Taxpayers that file late due to deployment are not subject to late filing fees and penalties. "Kansas will recognize the federal extension and filing," said Tulud, "but other states should be contacted directly for their regulations." If soldiers wish to file an income tax return while deployed, they may have a family member or friend do it for them. To have someone else file a return on your behalf, you may use IRS form 2848, limited Power of Attorney. This is the preferred form, which may be downloaded off the <http://www.irs.gov> Form 2848 does not need to be notarized, but it must have the taxpayer's original signature. An alternative to Form 2848 is a general Power of Attorney, which must be notarized. "It may cause the IRS to take a look at your return," said Tulud. "The IRS form is preferred." The person you give Power of Attorney to does not need to be a relative, but Tulud recommends not using another military person because they may be deployed as well. "Using Form 2848 speeds up the filing process," said Tulud. "About 95 percent of the soldiers receive refunds and this allows family members to get the refund money sooner." To file, a taxpayer may use the applicable version of Form 1040. Soldiers filing their 2002 taxes late due to deployment will need to write in capital letters, across the top of the form: COMBAT ZONE or QUALIFIED HAZARDOUS DUTY AREA.

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Memorial service held at Camp Junction City for fallen Soldier

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

CAMP JUNCTION CITY, Ar Ramadi, Iraq—"Private Leotta!" called out the first sergeant. "Here, 1st Sergeant!" came the reply. "Spec. Ngo!" "Here 1st Sergeant!" "Sgt. Carr!" "Here 1st Sergeant!" "Staff Sgt. Cutchall!" Silence. "Staff Sgt. Christopher Eric Cutchall!" Silence.

The crack of the 21-gun salute breaks the silence before the bugle sounds "Taps." A memorial service was held Oct. 1, at Camp Junction City in honor of Staff Sgt. Christopher Cutchall, who died Sept. 29 in an improvised explosive device attack while on patrol.

Cutchall was born Nov. 8, 1972, in McConnellsburg, Pa. He enlisted into the U.S. Army on July 31, 1991 as a telecommunications specialist at Fort Gordon, Ga. In 1994, he attended cavalry scout advanced individual training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Cutchall served the Devil Brigade for three years in the Centurion Battalion, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, as a battalion scout at Fort Riley, Kan. On Dec. 9, 2002, he was assigned to the Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, Delta Troop, 4th Cavalry. Cutchall also served as a scout at Fort Hood, Texas where he earned the coveted Scout Spurs. His assignments include Germany, Turkey, Kuwait and Fort Riley.

Cutchall's friend and fellow Soldier, Sgt. John McCord spoke about Cutchall's dedication to the Army.

"No one embraced this roll with the same style and attitude as Chris," said McCord. "He ate, lived and breathed cavalry. The clearest indicator of his passion was in the Soldiers he trained. Chris's Soldiers out performed others in many different areas. The fire of his passion still burns brightly in these Soldiers today and shows no sign of dimming anytime soon."

McCord also spoke about Cutchall's dedication to his family.

"We also know Chris in his roll as a strong husband for his wife and as a loving and compassionate father to his children," he said. "Few officers, NCOs or Soldiers could find a way to give all of his effort to both the Army and his family at the same time. Chris's ability to walk the Army and family tightrope was unmatched. He had his family at home and his family in Dragon Troop and cared for each equally."

Cutchall's roll as friend and mentor was also something that McCord discussed.

"When I first got to Fort Riley, Chris took me under his wing and through Kuwait two years ago, the National Training Center and now in Iraq," he said. "I could always confide in Chris whether at work or at home on the weekends. We spent a lot of time together."

McCord decided not to say

goodbye to his friend, instead he made a request.

"Just keep me a cold one until we meet again on Fiddler's Green."

Capt. Joseph Jasper spoke about Cutchall's love for his job.

"He always gleamed when he talked about being a scout," said Jasper. "He loved the freedom of patrolling in a small team and did mind setting [observation posts], whether it was at Fort Riley, the National Training Center, Kuwait, Iraq or anywhere. He loved doing it."

Jasper also talked about Cutchall's skill as a leader and

mentor to his Soldiers.

"He was an outstanding leader," he said. "In my first few months of command, I watched him train his Soldiers for a spur ride, train them for gunnery, train them for the National Training Center... Soldiers loved him and respected him. He led by example."

Cutchall was committed to his Soldiers and their safe return from this deployment, said Jasper.

"If I could get a message to Chris right now it would be this: You did an outstanding job, you are a true cavalry scout, you trained your Soldiers well," said

Jasper. "They will be all right, they will survive because of your hard work and dedication. I wish you could be here right now so you could see the same gleam in their eyes that I always saw in yours."

Lt. Col. Richard Cabrey, battalion commander, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, spoke about why Cutchall came to Iraq.

"Christopher Cutchall came to this country because of a belief in democracy, freedom and the words of our Declaration of Independence—that all men are created equal," he said.

"[He] was a devoted father, husband, a skilled leader and a man who placed the needs of his country and fellow Soldiers above and beyond his own wants and desires," he added.

Cabrey talked about the relationships that are developed between Soldiers.

"We joined the Army and became part of a special family," he said. "A family that works together and endures the greatest hardships together and, if called upon, to kill and die for one another. It's sad times like today that we rely on this unique family to help in dealing with our sorrow. Staff Sgt. Cutchall will miss the next roll call, but he will always be with Delta Troop."

Cutchall's awards, decorations

and certifications include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, the Good Conduct Medal with fourth award, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral two, the Army Expeditionary Medal with bronze star, the Nation Defense Ribbon with bronze star, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Parachutist Badge and lifeguard certification.



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A Soldier from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery pays his respects to Staff Sgt. Christopher Cutchall. The Soldiers from Cutchall's company wait in line to do the same.

Grunt By Wayne Udden





Kadhimiya March peaceful Troops lie low for Islamic holiday event

By John S. Wollaston
3rd BCT PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq - As the month-long Islamic holiday of Ramadan draws near, several smaller events leading up to it are taking place in and around Baghdad. One of those recently happened in the Kadhimiya section of Baghdad. People from across the country flocked into the area to march to the third holiest shrine in Islam, located in the 1st Battalion, 13th Armor Regiment's area of operation.

Official estimates before the march said that anywhere between two and eight million people could show up to participate in the event. The question of security arose for not only the civilians but for the Soldiers of the Dakota battalion, should any violence erupt. The problem was solved, thanks to an Iraqi police plan that involved Bulldog Brigade Soldiers maintaining a low profile throughout the event.

"We were trying to figure out how to handle security for the march," according to Major John Faria, executive officer, 1st Bn., 13th Armor. "Then the Iraqi police came to us and asked if they could handle the security for

the march because they had a plan that they used every year."

That plan involved no activity by the Soldiers from 1st Bn., 13th Armor. The various gates in and out of the compound were sealed

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—Maj. John Faria
Executive Officer
1st Battalion, 13th Armor

off and the normal presence patrols on the streets and in the neighborhoods around the mosque disappeared. Essentially, the Soldiers "buttoned up" inside their compound and let the Iraqi police run the show.

Their plan worked. The event went off smoothly, and no violence was reported. The only military presence outside the compound was two OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopters used as surveillance aircraft.

From sunup to sundown, throngs of men, women and children marched across the Tigris River into Kadhimiya, around the

traffic circle and down the street to the mosque. Some came quietly muttering prayers, other came with loudspeakers extolling the crowd behind them in large, loud tributes to Allah and still others came chanting and violently beating their chests in unison, sounding like a large human bass drum.

The purpose of this yearly event is to celebrate the death of the 7th Imam (buried at the Kadhimiya Holy Shrine) and his eventual ascension into heaven. The annual Shia pilgrimage attracts large numbers of Iranian Shia and Shia for the southern provinces.

The event is actually only one day long, but worshippers began to arrive as early as Saturday and large numbers of Shia arrived via bus. Shia followers from Saddam City walk to the Holy Shrine on Sunday afternoon.

Pilgrims rely on the hospitality of the people of Kadhimiya to feed them, and most sleep in the streets and parks on Sunday night.

At sunrise on Monday morning, worshippers walk to the Abdul Mazen Al Kadoumy statue. It is here that the followers assemble and annually begin their procession to the Holy Shrine.

Unofficial estimates place the crowd for this year's event at a little over one million people.

Talk Around Town

"What was your favorite part of Apple Day - Open House?"



"My favorite part of Open House was the Bradley Fighting Vehicle display."

Staff Sgt. Robert Greeley
1st Battalion, 16th Infantry



"My favorite thing was the apple pie a la mode."

Betsy Young
Soldier and Family Support Center



"I liked watching the mounted cavalry demonstration."

Staff Sgt. Tommy Lopez
Troop D, 4th Cavalry

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dane of tasks, such as brushing their teeth or washing dishes.

While the farmers had plenty of water for the fields over those same 33 years, the water that flowed through the cisterns and irrigation canals was anything but drinkable. "The water you see flowing over there is just fine for the crops, but you sure wouldn't want to fill your glass with it," said Lt. Col. Anthony Wright, commander, 70th Eng. Bn., pointing to the water flowing into an

irrigation canal.

To get the pipe to run water from the city out to the small farming community, the engineers had to look no further than the streets of the Kadhimiya district of Baghdad.

"We had all of this pipe just laying round over there," Wright said. "It wasn't being taken care of and it was being stolen, so we bundled it up, and we're going to use it to run the water four kilo-

meters from the city out to the farmers."

In fact, there was enough pipe collected that there will also be enough to run water to each house, without having to purchase any additional pipe to complete the job. The manpower and equipment for the pipeline project will come entirely from local Iraqi contractors and laborers. The engineers are providing technical assistance.

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that area — whether it is an improvised explosive device or a new face in the crowd or a difference in the number of people at the market.

As the troops conduct the operation, they face a few challenges along the way.

"Since it is the first operation (for 1st Brigade) here in Iraq, some of the challenges the Soldiers are seeing are the language and cultural differences," said Leners. "What we are finding as we get out and interact with the Iraqi people is that we actually have more similarities than we

have differences." The obstacle of the language difference is being overcome daily.

"We are all picking up so many Iraqi phrases, and they are picking up some of ours," said Leners. "Their smiles and waves back and forth transcend the language barriers."

The Soldiers are excelling at their mission, Leners said. "I get the opportunity to walk around and talk to a lot of the Soldiers in the brigade, and it is really amazing to see what they are doing," he said. "They'll take a

mission like Operation Devil Thrust, and they'll take it to the next level. They will do things that meet the commander's intent and do things that we at the brigade staff level have never thought possible. It's really amazing and refreshing to watch the end results of what the young Soldiers are able to do."

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the battalion's S-3 driver. While at Fort Riley, Hunte became one of a very few soldiers to have served in every company of 1st Bn., 13th Armor. Shortly before deploying to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in April 2003, he requested to be returned to a line company and was reassigned to Co. A, 1st Bn., 13th Armor, as a tank gunner.

Hunte's awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Army Service Ribbon. Hunte is survived by his wife Tara, daughter Anaya, son Simeon Jr., his mother, Brenda, and his father, Simeon Tudor.

Editor's Note: Spc. Sean Douglas McBurney, 3rd BCT, contributed to this article.

ACAP Job Fair

The Army Career and Alumni program is sponsoring a Job Fair Oct. 24, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the ACAP Center on Main Post, building 210, room 207. There will be local, national and international employers present to talk with and interview prospective employees. Visit or call the ACAP Center, 239-2278 or 239-2248, for more information, including the list of attending employers.

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Trick or Treat Hours

The Trick or Treat hours on Fort Riley are Oct. 31, 5 - 8 p.m.

Sight Night

The Girl Scouts will be collecting old and outdated glasses (prescription and non prescription) on Halloween while Trick or Treating. This is a Community Service Project for the Scouts. Further info is on www.sightnight.org Call 717-2964 if you have any questions.

Hallelujah Night

There will be an inspirational fall festival Oct. 31, 7 - 9 p.m. at Morris Hill Chapel. It will be focused on spiritual principles and refreshments will be served.

Leaf Pick-up

Leaf pick-up with the Public Works leaf vacuum machine will commence in areas of heavy tree concentration Nov. 3. Weather permitting, the leaf pick-up schedule is as follows, with emphasis given to Family Housing areas in these locations: Main Post - Mondays and Tuesdays, Marshall Army Air Field - Wednesdays, Camp Forsyth - Thursdays and Custer Hill and other areas - Fridays. Leaves to be removed by the leaf vacuum should be raked/piled in rows on the lawn area adjacent to the curb, but not on the curb or street. Leaf piles must not contain grass clippings, limbs or other heavy debris that would interfere with the vacuum operation. The leaf vacuum will operate in November as long as necessary to complete fall leaf removal. Housing occupants desiring to confine leaves in trash bags may place these bags adjacent to the trash carts for pick-up by the trash collection contractor on regular pick-up days. Bagged leaves should not weight any more than 40 pounds each. The trash collection contractor will not pick up leaves for activities serviced by dumpsters. These units will be required to haul their leaves to the yard waste compost area near building 1945, Camp Funston. Leaves may be hauled loose or in bags, but all leaves must be deposited loose into the compost. Dumpsters containing bagged or loose leaves will not be emptied.

Exercise on Post

There will be an exercise held on Fort Riley Nov. 5 that will raise the Force Protection level on that day only.

Crazy Hat Dinner

The Enlisted Spouses' Club invites members of the Officer's and Civilian's Spouses' Club to come out for an evening of food and fun Oct. 30, 6:30 p.m. at Rally Point. Cost is \$10 and includes dinner and fun. Wear the craziest hat you can make or find and win some great prizes. RSVP and payment are due by Oct. 25. ESC members, call 784-3191 or 784-8306, and OCSC members, call 784-5111 or 537-1116.

Family and Youth Action Conferences

Did you know you can make a change in your community just by voicing your opinions. The Youth Action Conference is tomorrow, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Teen Center. The Family Action Conference is Oct. 23 and 24, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Battle Simulation Center.

Post Graduation Ceremony

Fort Riley military personnel, family members and civilian personnel who are graduates of a local college or SOCAD college programs are invited to participate in the Fort Riley Post-Wide Graduation Ceremony Dec. 4 at King Field House. Counseling services at the Learning Centers will not be available on that afternoon for the ceremony. For more information, call 239-6481.

USA Express

The Army Community and Family Support Center is currently seeking performers and technicians for USA Express, the Army's premiere touring show

band. Performers needed are singers and instrumentalists to include, but not limited to, drummers, lead guitarists, bass guitarists and keyboard players. Soldiers selected will report to Fort Belvoir on or about Jan. 5, 2004 and will begin touring Feb. 5. The tour will last about two and a half months. All entries are due by Nov. 12. For more information, call 239-8147 or 239-2612.

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of Fort Riley are having their annual Olympic Day event tomorrow, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Fort Riley Scout Hut located on Marshall Army Air Field. Due to recent deployments, Soldier volunteers are unavailable, so if you would be interested in volunteering to assist at the sporting events, contact Alina Jones, 717-2454.

Holiday Craft Fair

Bring your family to the Holiday Home, Crafts and Things Bazaar for food, fun and entertainment Nov. 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at Marshall Air Field, Hangar 817. There will be a food court, craft vendors, children's corner with moon-bounce and face painting and much more. If you are interested in a booth or need more information, contact Sherri Weber, 537-7781. To volunteer for the event, call 784-4228 or 784-3191.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The Fort Riley Annual Retiree Appreciation Day will be held

Oct. 24 at the Manhattan Holiday Inn/Holidome, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Retirees are invited to attend this event to receive the latest information on retiree benefits and activities at Fort Riley. There will be a Health Fair from 1 - 3:30 p.m. conducted by Irwin Army Hospital, Col. (retired) John W. Radke, chief, Army Retirement Services, will be the guest speaker. Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commander, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, will welcome the retirees.

Diabetes Education Program

A Diabetes Education Program will be held at Irwin Army Community Hospital Tuesday, noon - 4:30 p.m., in the Nutrition Care Division classroom, hospital basement. Beneficiaries who have a documented "consult appointment" from their Primary Care Managers are eligible to participate in this program. Participants are to bring a sack lunch or a healthy snack. Participants who complete the Diabetes Education Program are encouraged to schedule an individual appointment with Maj. Kevin Schaller, Family Nurse practitioner, or with the hospital's Registered Dietitian, Beth Gallaher. For additional information, contact the Nutrition Care Division, 239-7644.

AAFES Council

The next AAFES Council Meeting will be Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. at the AAFES conference room, building 222.

EFMP Fall Festival

Exceptional Families Member Program families will be gathering for "A Trip To The Pumpkin Patch." Each family will get a pumpkin to decorate. Everyone wear your favorite or scariest Halloween outfit. It will be held at the Soldier Family Support Center, building 7264, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. - noon. Call the EFMP office, 239-9435, to R.S.V.P. by Oct. 17.

Cancer Support Group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting will be Nov. 3, 6 p.m., Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. Participants are asked to bring any news articles pertaining to your cancer diagnosis. Military servicemembers, their

family members and Department of Army civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer and cancer survivors. The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 239-7163.

Warrant Officer Recruiting

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties, if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team,

www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN: 536-0484 or 536-0458.

Zig Ziglar Seminar

A Zig Ziglar Seminar will be held Wednesday at Barlow Theater. The first session will be 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and a second session will be held 1:30 - 3:30. The seminar is open to all Fort Riley civilian employees.

OCSC Basket Auction

Join OCSC for their October Dinner and Annual Basket Auction at the Holidome, tonight, 6:30 pm. The theme is a birthday party to celebrate Fort Riley's 150th birthday and the 50th OCSC anniversary. A magician will provide entertainment and the

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menu will include mixed greens with toppings, penne pasta salad, Kansas roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potato and country gravy, corn O'Brien, and the desert will be birthday cake. Tea, coffee and water will also be included. The cost of the dinner is \$15. A selection of themed baskets put together by units and organizations across the post, as well as local businesses, will be on the auction block. Jay Brown will be the auctioneer.

Reservations are required for the dinner. You should RSVP to

Connie Taylor, 784-5111. Childcare is available at ASYMCA, Junction City. Availability is on a first come, first served basis. For information on childcare or to make a reservation, call Heather Spencer, 784-2245.

Pre-retirement Orientation

The semi-annual Pre-Retirement Orientation will be conducted, Nov. 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. at

Barlow Theater. This orientation is for individuals that have submitted their request for retirement, however, any Soldier contemplating retirement in the near future is welcome to attend. The purpose of this orientation is to receive information concerning rights, benefits and responsibilities in conjunction with retirement. Soldiers that are eligible for early retirement (medical reasons) should also attend. Spouses of retiring personnel and prospective retirees are invited and encouraged to attend. This orientation is

a requirement IAW AR 600-8-7 and Soldiers may attend as many times as they wish. For further information, contact the Retirement Services office, 239-3320 or 239-3667.

Mail Training

An Official Mail training class will be offered on Nov. 14, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at building 7305, Troop School.

An Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations class will be offered Nov. 5 and 19, 9 a.m. -

4:30 p.m., building 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 for enrollment.

Blue Chip Social

There will be a Blue Chip Social Nov. 13, 4 p.m., at Rally Point.

Recycling

The Troop Incentive winners for fourth quarter FY03 were: Small Unit winners - 1st Place -

\$750 - 2nd Battalion, 289th Regiment (TSB) (FA); 2nd Place - \$500 - Detachment D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion; 3rd Place - \$250 - Detachment E, 15th PSB; Large Unit winners - 1st Place - \$1,000 - 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor and 1st Engineer Battalion; 2nd Place - \$750 - 1st Battalion, 34th Armor and 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery. The winner for the Random Act of Recycling received \$250 - 2nd Battalion, 289th Regiment (TSB) (FA). They turned in 12,991 pounds of

Tips offered for home wireless networking

By James Broad
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With the recent decrease in the cost of wireless networking accessories, it may be less expensive to install a wireless network than a wired one in your home. The coverage of a typical Wireless Access Point can be around 200 feet. This will allow you to have access to your network resources almost everywhere in your home. However, this convenience comes at a price. The security of wireless networks is notoriously weak.

Securing your network using the following ten tips will not keep out serious hackers that are determined to break into your network. It can, however, help keep out the casual hacker. Like a car thief that encounters a locked car with an alarm, most casual hackers will move past your network to find one that is easier to break into.

First, change the default Service Set Identifier. The SSID is the name that identifies your network. All wireless devices are sent from the factory with a

default SSID. Each manufacturer typically uses the same SSID on all of their wireless products. The best SSID will be a random combination of numbers, letters and special characters. As added protection, turn off SSID broadcast.

Then, turn on Media Access Control address filtering. Every network device comes with an address that will identify it. Like your social security number identifies you, the MAC address identifies the wireless device. By using MAC filtering, only devices with MAC addresses that you specify can connect to your wireless network.

You should also turn off Windows Zero Configuration. This Windows XP feature creates network connections automatically. This feature has two major issues that undermine wireless security. With WZC, your computer will try and connect to any wireless network that it detects, if you want it to or not. And, this feature broadcasts all SSIDs that have been used by your computer in the past.

You should enable Wireless Equivalent Privacy protocol as

well. The WEP is a security feature that attempts to make wireless networks as secure as wired networks. Set WEP encryption to the highest possible setting.

You should turn off management ports after access point configuration. Most access points have tools that allow easy configuration through a simple web page. Once your access point is configured, turn off HTTP, SNMP or other management ports once the access point is configured.

Set the power level of your access point to the lowest possible power that will cover your network area. Many access points will allow you to adjust their power level. A lower power level will lessen the chances of someone connecting to your network without permission.

Turn on the access point's firewall, if available. A firewall will provide protection from both wired and wireless threats. A firewall will only provide this protection if configured correctly. Follow the manufacturers directions on this configuration.

Turn on file and folder security. This will provide protection for

your personal information even if the wireless connection is compromised.

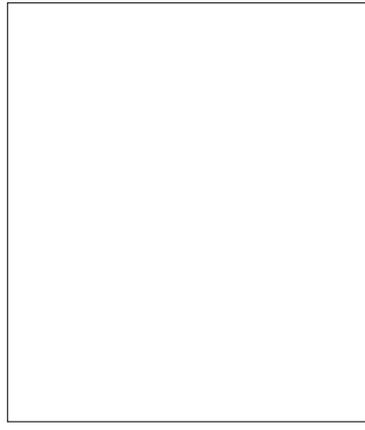
Update your wireless adapters software. Manufacturers often provide software updates on their web sites. These updates often fix security flaws discovered in the software that was provided with the wireless device.

You should always remove the wireless cards from your computers and turn off access points when not needed. This may be the most extreme of the ten tips, but it provides the best protection for your wireless network. It is hard to attack a wireless network that is not turned on.

There are many risks unique to wireless networks. Following these ten tips will not provide Department of Defense level security, but it will discourage the casual hacker.

For this reason, wireless devices are not authorized on the Fort Riley network.

For more information on wireless security, please contact your unit Information Management Officer.



Extra deployment planning required for conditional residence spouses

By Frances Walsh
Legal Assistance Office

Some foreign-born spouses of deployed Soldiers may experience problems meeting Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services requirements for the removal of their conditional permanent resident status. Since the Soldier may be deployed when the Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence must be filed with BCIS, there are steps you can take now to ease any hardships

this situation might impose. Under normal circumstances, alien spouses who are conditional permanent residents must file a Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence (BCIS Form I-751) jointly with the Soldier. Form I-751 must be filed during the ninety-day period immediately before the second anniversary of the date the alien spouse was granted conditional permanent residence. Documents indicating that the marriage was entered into in good faith must be submitted with the petition. The completed

petition, accompanying documents and filing fee of \$145 are mailed to the BCIS Nebraska Service Center in Lincoln, Neb. If you are deploying and have a conditional permanent resident spouse who is approaching the filing deadline, you or your spouse should obtain Form I-751 as soon as possible. Your spouse can complete the petition, obtain all documentation required to show the marriage was entered into in good faith, and the Soldier can sign the petition before he or she deploys. When the 90-day filing period

arrives, the alien spouse should mail the fully completed and signed petition, together with the documentation and filing fee, to the BCIS service center. The alien spouse should also include a brief letter stating that the Soldier has deployed, and a copy of the Soldier's deployment orders. This will enable the service center to issue an extension of the expiration date on the green card. As soon as the Soldier returns to Fort Riley, notify the BCIS. If the Soldier has already deployed and the conditional resi-

dent spouse's two-year conditional residency is due to expire, BCIS will accept the Form I-751 signed only by the conditional resident spouse if accompanied by evidence of the Soldier's military assignment (i.e., a copy of the Soldier's deployment orders, a letter from the commanding officer or other appropriate documentation signed by responsible military personnel). As soon as the Soldier returns to Fort Riley, notify the BCIS. The alien spouse needs to keep

his or her green card and extension approval in a secure place to show he or she is in current status. If the alien spouse wants to travel overseas, he or she must have a green card and extension approval notice with them. Information and forms are available from BCIS at www.immigration.gov or by calling the National Customer Service Center, 1-800-375-5283. If you have further questions, contact the Legal Assistance Office, 239-3117.

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(Name of Zone) and attach a copy of the soldier's orders to the tax return before mailing it in, Tulud said.

Soldiers who are deployed to a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty zone may qualify for tax-free earnings. Tax-free earnings will not be shown in box one of the W-2 but will be shown in boxes three and five as FICA taxes (social security and Medicare) will still be taken.

There are two formats for tax-free earnings: For enlisted: one day of CZ/QHDA allows you to exclude all wages paid and allowances for the entire month. This includes bonuses and is unlimited for the month.

For officers: one day of CZ/QHDA allows you to exclude a portion of wages and allowances earned for the month. The cap is equal to E-9 pay plus officers allowance of \$150 per month (\$553/mo for 2002).

If a soldier is deployed for the entire tax year, box one on the W-2 will read \$0 earnings. Tulud

urges everyone to look at his or her payroll records and W-2 to verify the information, whether you're deployed or not.

There will be a tax office on post this year to help taxpayers and family members sort through all of the tax regulations. It will be in building 7034 on Normandy Avenue, across from Kapaun Chapel. Capt. Henry Devoskin will be the 2004 Installation Tax Attorney.

The tax center staff will be trained for the 2003 tax year forms. Forms and electronic filing for federal and Kansas tax returns will be available at the center. States other than Kansas will have traditional paper returns prepared.

"Tax forms for 2002 may not be available at the center," reminds Tulud, "however, staff can assist with the completion of those forms."

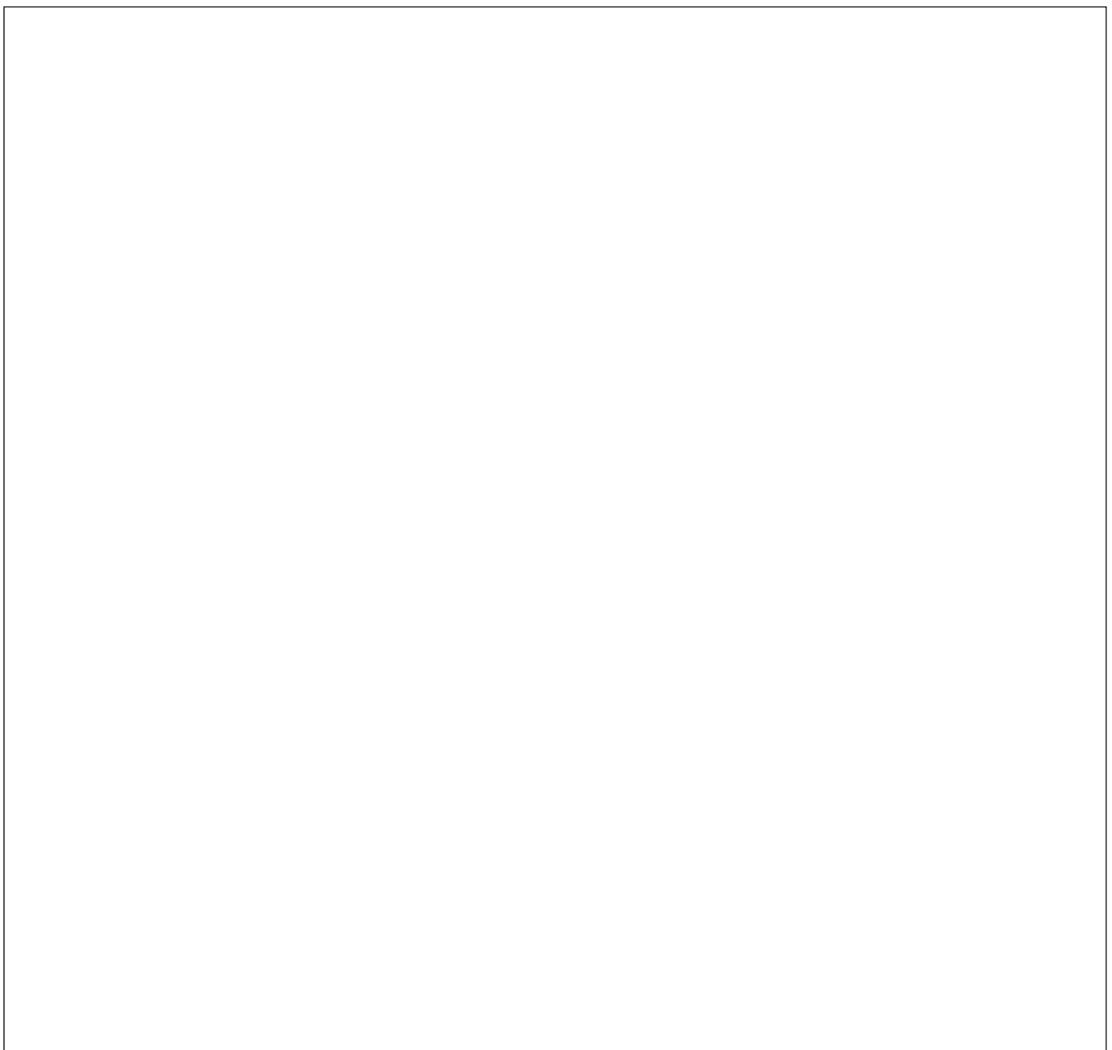
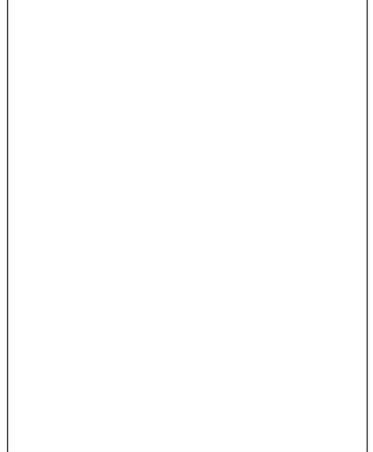
Tulud said the following is the information and documentation needed for an appointment at the tax center: voided check if e-filing for bank account information; social security cards and birth

dates for all dependents to be claimed on the tax return and original W-2s (issued by employer) from all sources of income.

Other things you might need if applicable are your previous year's tax return, if available; 1099-Retirement; 1099-INT; statement from bank showing interest; 1099-DIV; statement of capital gains information; educational expenses and proof of childcare expenses if both parents work. This includes: childcare receipts, provider's name, address and TAX ID number. If itemizing you need: Form 1098 for home-

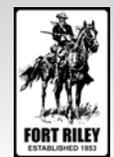
owners, educational expenses, medical expenses and professional expenses. If you own a rental property, you will need Form 15-1098; mortgage interest, total rental income, property taxes and expenses for home improvements. If you are a home daycare provider with FCC, you will need totals for income and expenses.

If there is a child of divorced parents you will need a court document specifying your right to claim the child on your tax return if your child lives in a home other than yours. Bring a copy of orders from CZ/QHDA, if applicable.





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Maintenance to the rescue When problems arise, call for help

By Steven Cooke
19th PAD

When families and personnel on Fort Riley have no heat or electricity, they might ask themselves, "Who am I going to call?" Well, certainly not Ghost Busters. They can, and should, call the work order or the service order desk.

If the problem is in quarters, families should call the Family Housing Maintenance Work Order Desk. If the work place is having some trouble, the Public Works Operation and Maintenance department can be of assistance.

"We do any kind of maintenance in the quarters — any kind of wear and tear maintenance," said Lori Grek, service order supervisor, FHMWOD.

Grek said there is help 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week. Depending on the problem, orders are placed into three different priority levels.

"Priority level one is for problems that may cause danger to the occupants or damage to the quarters," said Grek.

An example, she said, would be heaters breaking down, causing the home's temperature to fall below 50 degrees.

Grek said priority level one problems called in between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. are looked at within one hour. From 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. and on the weekends, they are checked out within two hours.

"Priority level two is for problems that are not exactly a hazard, but need to be fixed," said Grek.

An example of priority level two would be a heater breaking, but home temperature is still above 50 degrees.

Grek said the response time for a

level two problem is within 24 hours.

Priority level three problems are routine maintenance problems, like closet doors falling off track or clogged toilets, said Grek.

Level three problems have a 72-hour response time, she said.

Grek said occupants should not hesitate to call the work order desk for any kind of help.

"She said the team of technicians is always willing to help families, even if it is something as simple as changing a light bulb.

"With Soldiers deployed, we try to go the extra mile to help their dependents — like getting on a ladder to change a light bulb," said Jim Koller, service technician, FHMWOD.

Service Technician, Jody Mataruso, recommends families call in work orders no matter how small it might seem.

"If any occupant has a question or does not know about a repair, they should call it in. It could be the start of a bigger problem," he said.

"It's best they don't do their own repairs, because they might make it worse."

Koller said he remembers a few years ago, on a snow day when the roads were closed, a gentleman called the desk and said his [clothes] dryer outlet sparked and the power in the house was out. Koller said when he and his partner arrived at the house, the gentleman's hair was standing straight up and smoking.

and the sleeve on his shirt was singed. Keller said the occupant stuck the dryer bare wires into the electrical outlet and nearly electrocuted himself. Koller said the ironic part was, right before the call came in he just finished telling his partner about a lady that did the same thing.

and his partner didn't believe people would do such a thing.

Grek said she remembered a funny story when, last fall, a lady called in wanting to have her trees looked at right away because the leaves were falling off. Grek said it was obvious the trees were doing what trees do during the fall season, but she sent a technician over to check it out anyway.

Grek said there are a few ways occupants can submit work orders.

"They can call in a work order, submit one online or come into the office," she said.

The telephone number for the work order desk is 784-2599, and it is available 24-hours-a-day.

To submit a work order online, log on to the Fort Riley home page, www.riley.army.mil and look for the Services tab. Click on the Fort Riley Service section to access the housing page.

The Family Housing Maintenance Work Order Desk is located in building 2370, 1 St., behind the commissary.

When submitting a work order, occupants should be prepared to give their last name, address and home phone number, as well as the servicemembers first name. It would also be helpful to have a time of day preference, Grek said.

Grek said for emergencies occupants should call the work order desk.

Public Works Maintenance and Operations is responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement on buildings, utility systems, roads and grounds on Fort Riley.

Before personnel submit an order, they should first decide which type they need, said John McGea,



Jody Mataruso, service technician, Family Housing Maintenance Work Order Desk, paints a kitchen wall during routine quarters maintenance.

Eisenhower honored with events in Abilene

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

Kansans and various military and civilian groups from around the country joined in a memorial for President Dwight D. Eisenhower Saturday. The event included the laying of a wreath sent by President George W. Bush and a ceremony and vigil by members of the American Legion.

The day started with the laying of the presidential wreath inside the Place of Meditation, where Eisenhower, his wife and a son are buried. Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, incoming assistant division commander, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, command sergeant major, 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, assisted in laying the wreath.

A public ceremony was then held with the laying of 39 wreaths from various American Legion groups from around the country and the laying of 149 roses from American Legion Posts and Units from around the state.

The keynote speaker for this year's event was Dr. Bob Beatty, professor of political science, Washburn University, Topeka. Beatty specializes in studies concerning American presidents, American elections and Kansas politics.

In describing the leadership style and administration of Eisenhower, Beatty used rankings of presidencies to gauge the upward changing trend in the evaluation of Eisenhower's time in office.

Over the past few years, as historians have delved into his personal letters and histories, the views of how Eisenhower led, and the strength of his style, have been shockingly different from earlier historian's accounts, Beatty said.

"Two 1994 and 1997 surveys of historians put Eisenhower at number eight of 41 presidents in the near great category and only three spots below the immortal category," said Beatty.

"Ranking presidencies is, in part, a matter of personal style," he said.

He added, "Eisenhower both instinctively, and by experience in dealing with the military, decided that the wisest course was to encourage the initiative of others. He believed more in the power of persuasion than directives and ultimatums."

Beatty also praised Eisenhower for his ability to keep the country in a period of peace throughout his entire administration.

"Eisenhower realized that following 20 years of social revolution and war, the nation needed and yearned for a period of calm, consolidation, efficiency and understanding," said Beatty.

Other presidents have also commented on the subtle but powerful leadership style which Eisenhower evidenced in his years in office, said Beatty.

According to Beatty, then Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson said, "I had what I now realize was a somewhat naive idea that this man was a pushover. We believed that we were the master politicians, that Eisenhower did not really know what he was doing and that we were the geniuses at work. It is funny how different things really were."

Eisenhower's view of his purpose and vision as a president was very clear according to Beatty.

"I'm sure that Eisenhower gave thought to the kind of presidential style that was best suited to the time and country that he presided over," said Beatty. "He told his aide, Sherman Adams, in his first year in office, 'My job here, as I see it, is not to create friction, not

to accentuate differences, but to bring people together."

Beatty summed up the Eisenhower presidency and the man by quoting Eisenhower's own summary of his time in office.

"The United States never lost a Soldier or a foot of ground in my administration, we kept the peace."



Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, incoming assistant division commander (maneuver), 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, command sergeant major, 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, assist in laying a wreath during a memorial in Abilene, Kan., for President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Task Force 1st Armored Division celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Shauna McRoberts
1AD PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Soldiers from Task Force 1st Armored Division celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month at Baghdad International Airport Oct. 3.

President Lyndon B. Johnson started National Hispanic Heritage Month more than 30 years ago, though it was first observed for only one week during mid-September. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan extended the observance to a month and now it is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Planners, however, were forced to consolidate this year's events into a one-day celebration because of mission requirements.

"We chose one day to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month," said Sgt. 1st Class Lucia C. Cantu, an equal opportunity advisor with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armor Div. "Soldiers came from all over Baghdad to celebrate, so we knew we had to make it a one-day event."

The day started off with a 5-kilometer run. More than 700 Soldiers participated in the run and were given free T-shirts upon finishing.

Later that day, a luncheon was held at the Bob Hope Dining Facility. Thousands of Soldiers ate a lunch of traditional Hispanic food and listened to guest speaker Command Sgt. Maj. Jose A. Santos, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armor Div., Command Sergeant Major.

"National Hispanic Heritage Month is a wonderful opportunity to honor the culture and many contributions of Armed Forces members and civilians with a Spanish-speaking heritage," he said. "It is the occasion for the Latino community to come together not only to celebrate our accomplishments, but also to share with the world-at-large the Hispanic diversity and pride as people."

The luncheon also featured Sgt. Juan Ortiz, an avionic radio repairman with Company A, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, and Spc. Jessica Negron, a personnel clerk with Fort Riley's Detachment E, 15th Personnel Support Battalion, demonstrating three Latin dances: Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata.

"I'm really proud to be Hispanic and to be part of this whole event," said Ortiz. "I enjoy celebrating the music and the sense of unity. Hispanics are family."

Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, commanding general, Task Force IAD, also shared his thoughts on the important of the observance.

"The thing I am most proud of in the Army is our diversity," he said. "What scares the enemy in this part of the world the most is that people with different heritages, cultures and backgrounds can live and work together."

"Overall, the day was a success," said Cantu. "It was a great chance to enjoy the diversity in IAD, but mostly I just wanted Soldiers to have fun."

Drew Carey visits Bulldog Brigade

By John S. Wollaston
3rd BCT PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq - For several generations of American Soldiers serving in combat, Bob Hope and his USO show were a welcome relief to the stress of combat. With Hope's death this summer, his trusty five iron, sharp wit and nearly 70 years of entertaining U.S. Soldiers abroad were also laid to rest. Many were left wondering who would take his place and come to entertain the troops in Iraq.

Enter Drew Carey, stage left. Carey, a former Marine and star of the Drew Carey Show, along with Kathy Kinney, who plays "Mimi" on the show, and several of his fellow stand up

comedians came to Iraq to thank the troops for their service and provide some entertainment along the way as well. As part of the USO's "Drew Carey Comedy Tour," the group stopped by the Bulldog Brigade for lunch and to take pictures with the Soldiers and sign autographs.

Carey, Kinney and the rest of the stars enjoyed signing autographs and posed for pictures, always thanking the Soldiers for what they are doing.

"Despite what some people, politically, are saying back home," Carey told the Soldiers who packed the auditorium at 3rd Brigade Headquarters, "personally, I think we're doing the right thing, and most Americans agree that we're doing exactly the right thing."

"It was really great to meet Drew Carey," said Warrant Officer Stuart Clark, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade. "He took pictures with everyone and was very personable."

The loudest applause came when Carey told the crowd that "Saddam's record speaks for itself. He had a butt-kicking coming, and you gave it to him. That's what he gets for cheering about the (World Trade Center) towers."

Carey and crew then posed for more pictures and signed more autographs for the Soldiers in the auditorium. Before the group left, Carey and Kinney held an American Flag for a 3rd Brigade Soldier who was re-enlisting and had asked if they would be part of the ceremony.

Red Ribbon Week dance tonight

By Nicole Sizemore
Soldier and Family Support Services

The 2003 Red Ribbon Week has a message of "Pledge to be Drug-Free!" Fort Riley's Army Substance Abuse Program and the Teen Center are combining in a cooperative effort to observe Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31 with a special event for middle-school age students.

A free middle school dance will be held tonight, 8 - 10 p.m., at the Fort Riley Teen Center, building 5800. Casual dress is the rule for both military and civilian students at Fort Riley, Junction City, Manhattan and Ogdan Middle Schools.

Students will be entertained in a safe, fun and drug free environment. Snacks and punch will be

prepared especially with teens in mind. Music will be provided by a local DJ, who promises a great mix of tunes for every dancer. Rap contests are planned to put the students to the real test with both fun and humor.

There will be gift drawings and King and Queen selection from each school district.

Each student attending will be a Red Ribbon winner, with goodies to take home. Free transportation will be provided, with pick-up at Junction City Community Center, 7:30 p.m., Manhattan Boys and Girls Club, 7:15 p.m., and Ogdan Teen Center, 7:45 p.m. Students will be returned to pick-up points immediately following the dance.

This special Red Ribbon activity was designed to celebrate drug abuse prevention and education by providing fun and safe opportunities for children.

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branch chief, quality assurance, Public Works. McGee said this can cause confusion for some personnel.

"A service order is for minor maintenance and repair. A work order is for major repair projects like remodeling an office or adding an electrical outlet," said McGee.

Public Works has several ways it provides support to Fort Riley personnel.

Public Works helps personnel with minor maintenance and repair. They have a Scheduled Maintenance Program to perform routine maintenance on equipment in buildings. This is generally limited to heating, ventilation

and air conditioning controls and plumbing equipment. Maintenance might include changing filters in heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment, greasing bearings, treating boilers and performing routine operational checks on equipment. The schedules are based on equipment requirements, so building personnel should not need to submit requests for these types of maintenance.

For minor maintenance and repairs to unit occupied buildings, Public Works provides instruction for the Repair and Utilities program at the Self-Help school, building 307. Some examples of minor maintenance and repair

include replacing regular or fluorescent bulbs, outlet and switch covers or painting. Unit personnel cannot perform minor repairs or maintenance to their buildings until they completed the Repair and Utilities program. The telephone number to the Self-Help School is 239-3757. Classes are given once a month.

For routine and emergency repairs that do not fit into the Scheduled Maintenance Program or cannot be performed by a unit's self-help team, personnel should submit service orders. This includes no heat or air conditioning, broken pipes, lack of hot water, electrical failures and sign replacement.

To submit a service order, personnel can call the Public Works service order desk, 239-0900, or send e-mail on the global network to PW, Service Order Desk.

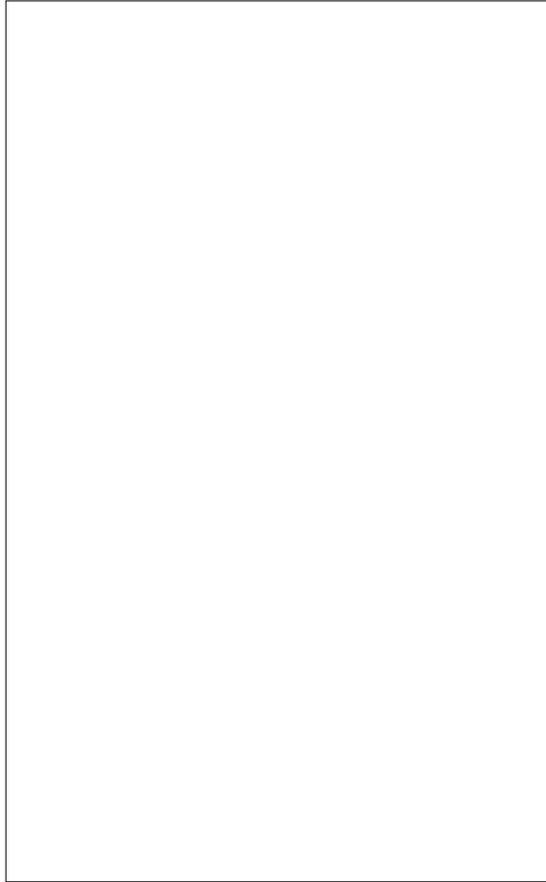
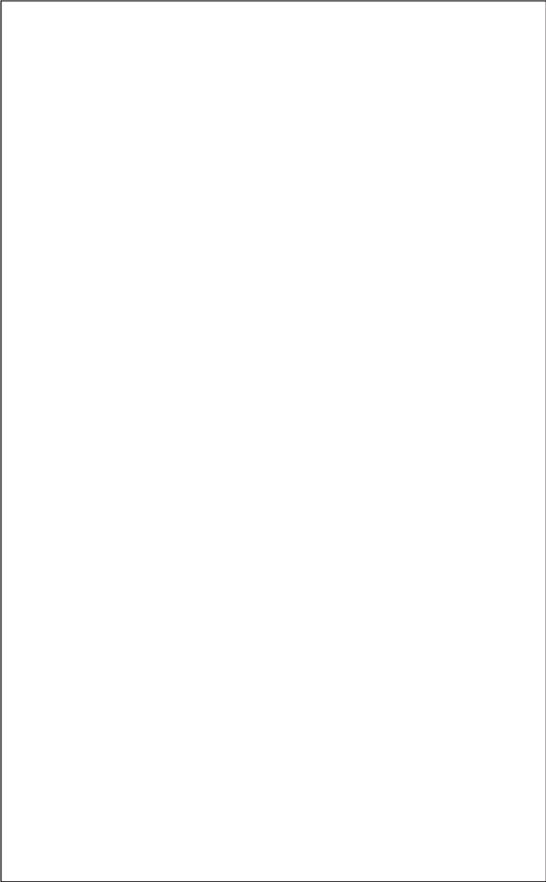
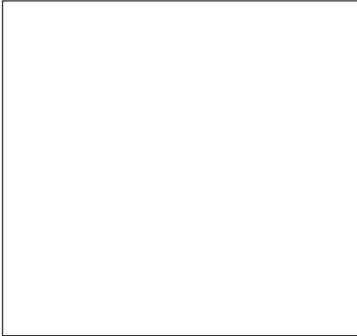
For Public Work services like packing and crating materials, requests for new signs, self-help materials and major repairs and construction projects, personnel should submit the Department of the Army Work Order Form 4283 to the Work Reception Desk, building 372, 239-3690. McGee explained that, except for major repairs and construction projects, DA Form 4283 can be submitted anytime.

Work orders for major repairs and construction projects should

be submitted through the quarterly submission process.

Through the quarterly submission process, Public Works divided the installation into "Support Groups." Each group has a Support Group Coordinator. For units, it is usually the brigade logistics

shop, or S-4. Every quarter, Public Works asks the Support Group coordinator to develop a prioritized list of requests and submit the top five work orders to Public Works.





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Ten-Miler spurs runners to victory

The front runners of the Army Ten-Miler began the race Oct. 5. Over 13,000 runners participated in the annual event in Washington, D.C.



19th PAD Shepherd

Record number of runners pound pavement in nation's capitol

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD



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Elizabeth Barnaby, Medical Department Active, Fort Riley, was one of the runners at the Ten-Miler.

Over 13,000 people woke up early one Sunday morning, strapped on some running shoes and decided to take a little jog around Washington D.C. However, many didn't realize that they were going to be part of a historic event that takes place every year. Thousands of Active Army Soldiers, National Guardsman, reservists, Department of Defense employees and civilians competed in the largest ten-mile race in America, the 19th Annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 5. Six Fort Riley Soldiers made the trek from Kansas to D.C., showing the world that "America's Warfighting Center" is a force to be reckoned with by finishing 10th in the Open Mixed Division. Jesse Blanton, Michael Adams, Jeff Slimp, Elizabeth Barnaby, Janine Taylor and Colleen Shanklin received a collective time of four hours and 21 minutes. Blanton, 82nd Medical Company, finished with a time of 54:22, coming in 32nd out of over 14,000 participants. Adams, 3rd Battalion, 75th Division (Training Support), recorded the next best time for Fort Riley, finishing the race in 1:01. Barnaby, Medical Activity, finished first for the Fort Riley females with a time of 1:14. Her time placed her at 208th out of 5,316 females.

"Our team came in 10th out of 114 teams in the mixed division," Adams said. "That put us in the top 10 percent. Overall, I would say that is quite an accomplishment considering 80 percent of Fort Riley is on deployment right now. Putting our team in the mixed division rather than fielding an all male or female team allowed us to be more competitive." In the Open Mixed Division, times are based on the first three males and the first female who cross the finish line. Fort Riley beat out teams from several Army posts, including Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Fort Knox, Ky. Due to the many deployments, Fort Riley was only able to send one team to this year's competition. Other posts were able to send multiple teams, including Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Stewart, Ga. and Fort Bragg, N.C. Thousands of spectators lined the streets of D.C., cheering the runners as they crossed the finish line. "I ran over six miles before I even had time to think about it because there were so many people running beside you and spectators cheering along the road," Shanklin said. "It was incredible." Shanklin, 3rd Bn, 75th Div, who finished the race at 1:42, plans on doing things a little different next year, in hopes of a better finish. "I would try to get seated up closer to the starting line because it was about 2-2.5 miles before I had gotten out of the mass crowd and could actually run at my pace," she said. "Next year I am going to try and train more so that I can be in the top 25 for my age."

Adams felt that training was very important to the success of the Fort Riley team. His training was varied, which helped him prepare for the race. "My weekly workout consisted of different workouts," Adams said. "Monday was six miles slow, Tuesday was interval training on the track, 4X400 followed by 4X800 with 400 intervals, and Wednesday was six miles of hills. Thursday was interval training, this time 5X1200. Friday through Sunday would usually be one or two runs of 10-12 miles. I would say, out of all the workouts, the single most important workout to help prepare was the interval training." John Henwood, of Washington D.C., finished first, with a time of 48:39. The top female finisher was Alisa Harvey, of Manassas, Va., with 59:29. This year, over 13,000 people finished the run, making this the largest ten-miler in the United States. Next year's Army Ten-Miler is scheduled for Oct. 24. This is Adams fourth Army Ten-Miler and he feels that the atmosphere and the chance to run for Fort Riley is what brought him back this year. "I really enjoy the competition and the camaraderie of running with fellow Soldiers in one of the largest ten-milers in the world," Adams said. "I already run a lot of races, but rarely do I get an opportunity to run with a team. It's added motivation when you are representing more than just yourself, but also your unit and post."

Military Police beat Garrison Support Unit in flag football game

By Bobby Miller
19th PAD

Members of the 924th Military Police Company and 6025th Garrison Support Unit played a hard fought game Oct. 6 at Sturgis Field. The 924th MPs won, 20-7. The game started slow, which is uncharacteristic for flag football. After three quarters, only three scores had been put on the board, with 924th ahead 14-7. Late in the third quarter, 924th picked off a shovel pass at the line of scrimmage at midfield and ran it back to seal the win. "We had a guy pick off a short pass at

the line of scrimmage and run it back 40 yards for a touchdown, and after that we knew we couldn't lose," said Kyle Smith, coach, 924th MP Co. Until that point, the game remained close, and a win was still in the sights for 6025th GSU. The interception came late in the third quarter," said Richard Williams, coach, 6025th GSU. We were down by a touchdown and we had an opportunity to catch up. Our QB threw an interception and the tide changed. He just had an off game." Ty Short, 6025th GSU quarterback,

threw the interception and said the outcome was a play gone wrong. "I should have just kept the ball and took the sack," he said. "I don't remember the play call in the huddle, but I couldn't find the intended receiver. The rush was coming and I saw the guy in the middle. I should have just put the ball in the air, but I tried to force it. It was frustrating." Williams said that it was hard to lose, especially when there is a bit of a rivalry between the two teams. "The feeling is not too good," said Williams. "We go out there to have fun,

but we want to win too. We just need to correct our mistakes and hopefully, next game, we will play a lot better. We have an MP section in our unit that is support for Fort Riley, so some of our guys could have actually been on their team. I would definitely say there's a rivalry there." "There's a rivalry because there are some MPs on their team and we are all MPs," Smith said. "We work with some of those guys. We could get in the head of a couple of their players because we know them, but it's all in good fun." Williams said that his team did not play well on offense, and they could not

turn possessions into points. "The main problem we had was we didn't really move the ball downfield on offense, and by the time we found holes in the defense, we had four plays left in the game," he said. "We need to capitalize early. We don't have time to wait. We need to go to our strengths early." Williams also said that his team is extremely strong on the other side of the ball. "Our defense is probably the number one defense in the league, and we need to capitalize on turnovers," he said. "We've

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Fort Riley Troopers fall to 0 - 5

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley Troopers' 7th grade football team fell to 0 - 5 on the season when they lost to the Clay Center Middle School's Bengals, 36 - 0, during a home game Oct. 7. Both teams squared off on the grassy battlefield using their running games against each other, as neither team was able to produce a pass rush. "Our running back, Eddie McKay, does a great job of hitting holes, and if we can get him some blocking, we would be fine," said Mark Ellner, coach, Fort Riley Troopers. Although the 7th grade Troopers haven't had a winning season this year, they have had a learning one. "I look at this team, and this is a team that has improved 100 times over from their first game.

That first game we weren't able to get past the line of scrimmage because they didn't know what was going on. Now, we are able to put different plays in that they know how to run and know where they have to be on the field to make it work," said Ellner. "I think this season has taught a lot of these kids how to play football. A lot of our kids had no clue how to play football because they never played organized football. Our (coaches) purpose is to teach them the basics." The knowledge the young players receive now will help them to be better players in the future. "Everything they learn this year will help them to be better players next year. Right now, they know the basics of football and the commitment it takes to play it. They've learned quite a bit, and these kids will do well next year," Ellner said. The skills they learned will

also give them a head start if they decide to play at the high school level. "We try to run the basics of what the high school runs, like calling plays and knowing where to line up on the field, so they will have the basic idea of what is going on when they get to that level of play," Ellner said. It wasn't just the team's inexperience of the game that hurt them. "What also hurt us today was we had four starters sitting on the bench, due to them receiving a bad grade. If we had them today, the score would have been closer," said Ellner. Although the kids are football players, they are students first. If they receive a certain grade, they get benched for a game. If their grades don't improve, they can be dropped from the team, he said. Even with their losing record,



Photo Biles

Trooper Jason Chun chases down Brock Behermeyer, Clay Center Bengals, during an Oct. 7 game at Fort Riley Middle School.

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Outdoor Rec has events planned

Outdoor Recreation has several upcoming events on Fort Riley. There will be a Hunter's Education Class, Nov. 13 and 14, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Individuals may sign up at Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, Rifle Range Road. Individuals must attend all three days. There is also a \$10 deposit, which is refundable when students attend the class.

The Outdoor Recreation Fishing Contest is still going on until Dec. 31. There have been 46 tagged fish released in selected

ponds on post. At the present time, only two tagged fish have been caught, leaving 44 tagged fish to be caught. One of those is the Gold Tagged fish. Catch him and win the grand prize, a four-person inflatable raft. The entry fee for this contest is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Outdoor Recreation is also having a Big Buck/Largest Doe contest. Archery hunters have until Oct. 24 to sign up for this event. Firearm hunters have until Nov. 22 to sign up. The cost is \$15.

The overall big buck taken on Fort Riley will win a free shoulder mount.

On Nov. 1, the Outdoor Recreation Center will be having its annual Turkey Shoot. The cost is \$5 for one shot for a turkey and \$10 for the master gunner. There will be a laser shot shooting simulator system, archery range, food, inflatable play station and team clay competition at the event. The cost is \$12 per team.

For more information on any of these events, stop by the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011 or call 239-2363.

Barlow Theater

Tonight:
7 p.m.
Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star (PG-13)

Saturday:
7 p.m.
Cabin Fever (R)

Sunday:
7 p.m.
My Boss's Daughter (PG-13)

Thursday:
7 p.m.
Cabin Fever (R)

Ticket prices:
Adults - \$3
Children - \$1.50

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had some pretty big games on defense, now we just need to turn the interceptions and stops into points. On defense we blitz, we bring everything but the kitchen sink. We have fast corners and safeties. Our problem comes with us not scoring points. We need to play better on offense."

The 6025th GSU entered the game with only one win, while the 924th MPs had a winless record. This game puts each teams record

to one win and three losses on the season.

The 924th MP Co. suffered a few close losses earlier in the season and said this win was a good confidence builder.

"I think this win was uplifting for our team. It was a good chance for us to get back on our feet after some very close losses."

Smith said the mindset for this game was different and that he has a positive outlook for the rest

of the season.

"Before the game, we got together and kept it in mind that we were not going to lose four straight," said Smith. "I believe we will finish strong. We have a decent team and it's just a matter of showing up and doing what we are supposed to do."

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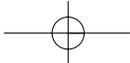
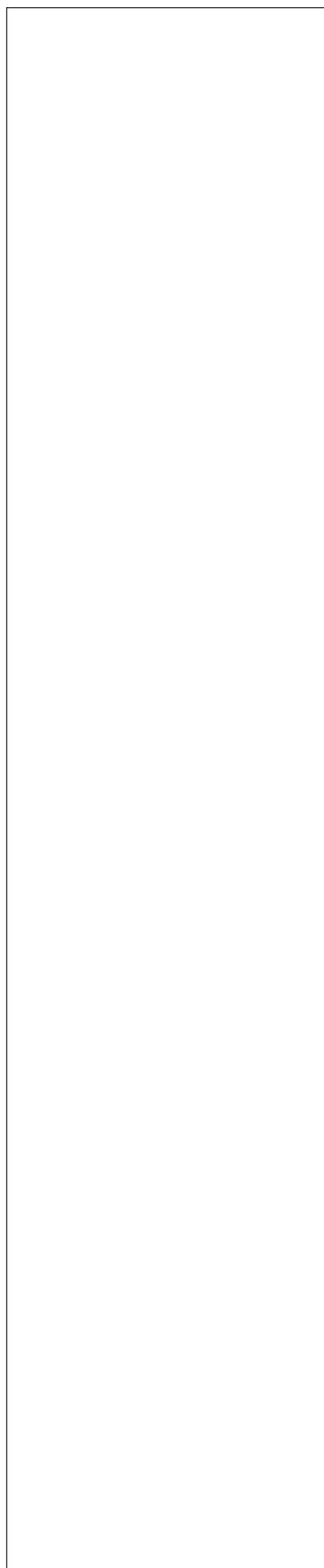
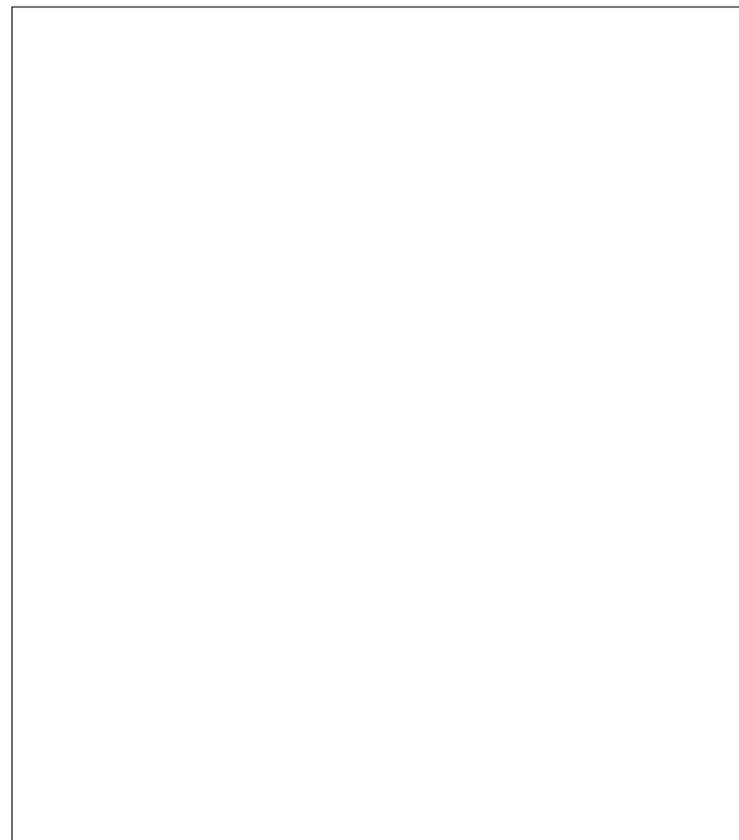
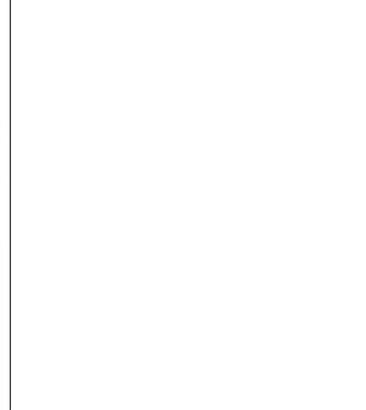
the kids still approach each game with a positive attitude, Ellner said.

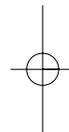
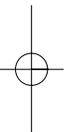
"I think they stay motivated because they are constantly learning, and kids today still want to have fun. Having fun playing is a key factor for their motivation," said Ellner.

Another factor in their positive attitude is that they are able to look at and understand their posi-

tion as a smaller team, when compared to their opposition.

"At this level of playing, if they are not doing well, or not winning, I think our kids are realistic about it," he said. "They are able to look at it from the other side. They see that the other teams have 40 kids on their team and we have 15, so they know it's not just about winning," Ellner concluded.





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The Information, Ticketing and Registration office is located in building 6918, across from the PX. ITR hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the office is closed for federal holidays. For further information, call 239-5614 or 239-4415.

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Department of the Army Civilians and family members. The ITR office will be closed Oct. 4. Stop by the ITR booth at the Fort Riley Open House.

Six Flags Over Texas

The ghouls and goblins are out to get you! There's nothing quite like Fright Fest at Six Flags Over Texas. It's the largest Halloween event in Texas! The metamorphosis to haunted houses, dark shadows and eerie surprises will keep you anticipating what's around the next corner, and watch your

back...cause Dr. Malice is back! Thrilling monster coasters and spooktacular haunted attractions combine to create the ultimate Halloween experience. Fright Fest is scheduled each Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, through Nov. 2. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Kansas City Wizards

The Kansas City Wizards are having a Military Appreciation Salute tomorrow, 7 p.m. There will be over 200 giveaway items for fans attending the game that night! Stay after the game to

enjoy a spectacular fireworks display. Each service branch will have displays in "Soccer Street." Free soccer games, inflatables and live music will be 5-7 p.m. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Kansas City Chiefs

Experience the excitement of NFL football with the Kansas City Chiefs. A limited number of tickets are available through ITR. Tickets are \$60 without transportation and \$80 with transportation. Grab some friends and tail-

McCain Auditorium

Military discounts are available for upcoming performances at McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University, Manhattan. There is a limit of two discount tickets per ID. The schedule of performances includes: Oct. 22 - Othel-

lo, Oct. 25 - Heidi Grant Murphy, Oct. 30 - The Second City on Tour (Chicago's famous comedy troupe), Nov. 4 - The National Ballet of Cuba, Nov. 6 - Concertante, Dec. 5 and 6 - Cats, Feb. 6 - Giselle (Moscow Festival Ballet), Feb. 14 - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Feb. 26 - Moscow State Radio Symphony, Mar. 4 - Rigoletto, Mar. 7 - The Importance of Being Earnest By Oscar Wilde, Mar. 14 - Lunasa (Irish Folk music for St. Patrick's Day) and April 17 - Regina Carter Quintet. Stop by ITR for brochure and further information.

Mobile kitchen trailer serves hot, quick meals to troops in Iraq

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

CAMP JUNCTION CITY, Ar. Ramadi, Iraq—It may not be a home cooked meal, and it's not exactly a restaurant, but the mobile kitchen trailer provides hot meals to hungry Soldiers.

The meals that the MKT offers are T-rations. "They are like a giant [Meal-Ready to Eat]," said Pfc. Lawrence Hoag, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment. "They are already in serving containers and all we do is put them in boiling water and heat them up."

The menu of T-rations isn't large, but the cooks try to vary them daily so the Soldiers get a variety of meals.

"Usually, all the pasta dishes are served with a green vegetable," said Hoag. "With Spanish dishes, we try to serve corn. It's just traditional. If you go to an Italian restaurant, you'll probably eat greens with pasta."

The Soldiers of Camp Junction City are served by two MKTs, one provided by HHC, 1st Brigade, and one provided by 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Each serves about 600 Soldiers two meals a day.

"It's hard to say how many Soldiers we feed every day," said Pvt. Stacey McCall, HHC, 1st Bde. "Some Soldiers only come in for one meal, and not every day. Some come in for both every day."

"When the Soldiers come to the MKT for a meal, they first encounter a hand washing station where they can clean up."

"They come into the MKT line and pick up plates and utensils," said Hoag. "Then, they are served their meat and starch and a vegetable. Once they exit the MKT, they get their drinks and head to the tables."

Serving Soldiers a hot meal has its challenges in the desert, where the sand has the consistency of baby powder.

"The hardest part is keeping the dust out of everything," said Hoag. "It's hard to keep things sanitary and serve a clean meal."

McCall agrees the dust is a challenge.

"The dust gets everywhere," she said. "It's hard to keep things clean."

While keeping the MKT dust free is a difficult task, the Soldiers also work long hours. Up before most other Soldiers, the cooks of 1st Bde. and 1st Bn., 16th Inf. begin their day around 4 a.m. and do not stop until after 8 or 9 p.m.

"The cooks do a lot," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Boyce, HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. "They have all the prep work to do, and we're not talking about just heating up food. We're talking about water runs and the breaking out of the meals, the issuing of the MKEs and the water. We make sure we have clean utensils, water to clean the pots and pans, and all that good

stuff. We make sure everything is sanitized."

While the MKT is the main source of hot food right now, its days are numbered. A new dining facility is planned for mid-November.

"Once the new DFAC is up, it won't change a whole lot for us," said Boyce. "We will still be there to monitor things and make sure everything is sanitized so we put out a safe meal for the Soldiers."

Along with the DFAC comes a different kind of ration for the Soldier.

"When the new DFAC comes into play, we will be providing an

A-ration meal," explained Boyce. "That will include fresh fruits and vegetables, and everything will be made pretty much from scratch. We will still have some prepackaged foods, but for the most part things will be from scratch."

The cooks work long, hard hours, but they feel the effort is worth it.

"When you're a cook, you always have access to food," said

Hoag. "I really enjoy meeting the people," said McCall. "People remember my name and are always saying 'hello.'"

The cooks make the difference for the Soldiers, too.

"I try to eat at the MKT as often as I can," said 1st Lt. Stephan Nowakowski, 248th Engineer Company. "It's about atmosphere. It's about having a

clean place to eat. It's about having someone to smile at you and say 'hi' in the morning. It's all about the effort the troops put in."

"You can tell by their attitude, it's not just a job that they do. They enjoy it and it shows pride in their work. You can tell people that are giving an effort, as opposed to someone who just throws the food on a plate," he stated.



Pfc. Cheryl Sager, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, serves breakfast to a 1st BCT Soldier at the mobile kitchen trailer.

